

# Yehia S. Mekawi

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## CURRENT POSITIONS

PhD Candidate, Political Science  
Comparative Politics

University of Michigan  
August, 2018 - Present

Associate Researcher  
GERME

Free University of Brussels (ULB)  
April, 2022 - Present

## PREVIOUS EDUCATION

Master of Arts, Political Science  
Comparative Politics

University of Michigan  
August, 2021

B.S. in Economics and Political Science  
*Magna cum laude*

The Ohio State University  
May, 2017

## PUBLICATIONS

“Representing Islam, Recognizing Islam: A Single-Case Study of the *Grande Mosquée de Bruxelles*.” *Journal of Muslims in Europe*, Forthcoming.

## UNDER REVIEW

“Facing Janus: State Incorporation, Local Politics, and Muslim Leadership in Belgium”

➤ *Best Doctoral Paper on Nationalism, ASN 2023*

“Between Mosques and the State: Reflections on Positionality, Access and Research among Mosque-Communities in Belgium and Switzerland”

## WORKING PAPERS

Constructing Islam: How Partisanship Predicts Parliamentary Questions on Islam in Six European Countries

Collaboration or Withdrawal? Muslim Elites and Cantonal Governments in Switzerland

## TEACHING

The Arab-Israeli Conflict with Prof. Mark Tessler  
*Graduate Student Instructor*

Fall, 2021

➤ *Rackham Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award*

Introduction to Political Theory with Prof. Mika LaVaque-Manty  
*Graduate Student Instructor*

Winter, 2021

Politics of International Law with Prof. Barbara Koremenos  
*Graduate Student Instructor*

Fall, 2020

Introduction to Political Theory with Prof. Lisa Disch  
*Graduate Student Instructor*

Winter, 2020

Introduction to Comparative Politics with Prof. Mary Gallagher

Fall, 2019

*Graduate Student Instructor*

<b>RESEARCH EXPERIENCE</b>	<i>Research Assistant</i> Professor Mai Hassan ➤ Black Market Exchange Rate Fluctuations	Ann Arbor, MI Summer, 2020
	<i>Research Assistant</i> Professor Mark Tessler ➤ Legacies of French Imperialism in the Maghreb	Ann Arbor, MI Summer, 2019
	<i>Research Assistant</i> Professor Dan Slater ➤ Histories of Military Development	Ann Arbor, MI Winter, 2019
<b>SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS</b>	Best Doctoral Paper on Nationalism at ASN Convention	May, 2023
	Chandler and Sangunett Award	April, 2023
	APSA Religion & Politics Grant	December, 2022
	APSA Summer Centennial Grant	August, 2022
	Rackham International Research Award	April, 2022
	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award	April, 2022
	Weiser Center for European Studies Research Grant	April, 2022
	Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies Research Grant	Novemeber, 2021
	Rackham Pre-Candidate Grant	August, 2021
Global Islamic Studies Center Summer Fellowship	June, 2021	
<b>CONFERENCES</b>	European Academy of Religion (EuARE)	May, 2024
	European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)	September, 2023
	Italian Political Science Association (SISP)	September, 2023
	ASN World Convention	May, 2023
	ISFORB Conference	May, 2023
	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	April, 2023

<b>SERVICE</b>	Workshop on Comparative Politics, University of Michigan <i>Coordinator</i>	2021-2022
	Political Scientists of Color, University of Michigan <i>Coordinator</i>	2020-2021
	Graduate Employees' Organization (GEO), University of Michigan <i>Steward</i>	2018-2020
<b>REVIEWER</b>	Religious Freedom and Covid-19 <i>Book Chapter</i>	July, 2022
	Journal of Politics & Religion <i>Journal Article</i>	August, 2024
<b>FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE</b>	Belgium & Switzerland (Interviews, Data Collection and Archival Work)	April, 2022 - April, 2023
<b>SKILLS AND LANGUAGES</b>	Data Analysis & Visualization: Stata, R Text Formatting: L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X Languages: Arabic & English (Native Proficiency), French (Advanced Proficiency)	
<b>REFERENCES</b>	Dr. Mark Tessler tessler@umich.edu	University of Michigan
	Dr. Charlotte Cavaille cavaille@umich.edu	University of Michigan
	Dr. Corinne Torrekens corrine.torrekens@ulb.be	Free University of Brussels